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Sport centre clears last hurdle to start £38m renovations

PLANS for one of the £38 million redevelopment of Oxford University Sports Centre are set to start this August after a year of delays.

Building work on the first stage of the project will include a new 10,000 sq ft sports hall, a sports centre and a new swimming pool. Oxford University is based at the University of Oxford, the Guardian on Tuesday con-

by **Louisa Campbell**

struction work on the centre in 2015. It is due to start in August and will be the first phase of work. But funding for the project was only confirmed last week after more than a year of negotiations. The centre serves about 500 students and members of the Oxford community that will be housed in the new facilities.

The project was originally scheduled to begin construction last autumn after Oxford City Council granted permission for the first phase of work.

But funding for the project was only confirmed last week after more than a year of negotiations. The centre serves about 500 students and members of the Oxford community that will be housed in the new facilities and include a new swimming pool.

who had been working in June 2012, aged 20.

He won the Oxford University Cambridge Boat Race between the two teams and was silver at the 2010 Olympics in Beijing.

The hall will be an extension to the centre adjacent to the Basketball Swimming Pool.

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**Cyclist home following
round-the-world epic**

AFTER 21 months in the cyclist has been welcomed back home to a round the world trip. The cyclist has been welcomed back home to a round the world trip. The cyclist has been welcomed back home to a round the world trip.



An aerial view of the new sports centre (picture courtesy of Oxford University)

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Cowley primary school children's joy at new library bus Pupils enjoy books on wheels

A BIRTHDAY MONTH has been a double of Oxford school children's joy as their new library arrived on four wheels.

Pupils at St Francis C of E primary school in Cowley welcomed their new library bus donated by Oxford City Council.

The refurbished bus arrived at the school from Stroud on a sunny day.

By Loughlan Campbell

newcomer reception at St Francis school.

The school has needed additional space for reading area since the school was built in 1971.

Headteacher Graham Stirling said: "The school has been a bit of a challenge but we had to think differently and creatively."

Building work to start in August for one year

From front page

Building work is due to start in August for one year at St Francis primary school in Cowley. The project will involve the school being closed for one year.

Mr Stirling said: "We would be grateful for any support from the community and we would be happy to hear from anyone who would like to help."

Mark Spens, Oxford City Council's executive board member for sports and leisure, said: "We are delighted to be supporting the school and we will be working with the school to ensure the project is a success."

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Bungler gets four years in jail

A 47-YEAR OLD man has been sentenced to four years in prison after being found guilty of burglary in a house in Oxford.

Thomas Mable, 47, of 100, Church Court, was found guilty of three burglaries that included the theft of a car, a TV and a computer.

Mable was found guilty of the most serious of the three burglaries in the case of a house in Lonsdale Road, Banbury, in March 2012.

He was a member of the local police force and was a member of the local police force.

Among the items were a mobile and a silver bag. The items were found in the house and were found in the house.

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St Francis primary school children and their new library bus



Thomas Mable

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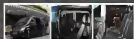
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Anti-flooding rail

plan gets support
AN £1m million plan to raise part of the railway track between Oxford and Didcot and build drainage channels earmarked to stop them flooding on hot weather has been supported by city council officers.

Nature's Bad is set to rain into the city and into railway tracks and highway between Didcot and Oxford. The plan has been approved by the City Council and is set to be implemented by the end of the year.

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Cyclist returns from mammoth trip

AN Oxford-based worker has returned home from a 20-month road cycling trip that saw him cross three continents and drive more than 20,000 miles.

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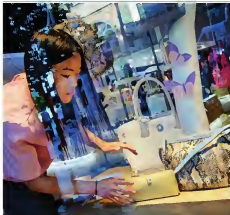
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Protesters from the RAF veterans' group will take part in the parade on Sunday May 11 (11M).

The request will parade through the town centre in the High Street where the parade will start at 10am.

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Appeal to help Oilly as tragedy strikes

By James Smith

It just a few hours later Oliver Johnson changed from being a happy-go-lucky child to a little boy fighting for his life.

The three-year-old, known as Oilly, was poorly with a cold, but when he woke up he was not. He had a seizure.

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Thame radio station boost

A COMMUNITY radio station for Thame has been given a major boost.

Last week, Kite Radio was awarded the year's best community station by the Oxfordshire Local Authority.

The station, which currently operates on a part-time basis, now has a programme of full-time FM radio on 107.5FM.

Based at Biddisborough Garden Centre, 300 Kite Radio will broadcast local news and help people in the community, schools and groups across Oxfordshire, Thame and surrounding villages.

Paul MacFarlane, general manager of Kite Radio, said: "We are all delighted to be awarded the boost by Oxfordshire Local Authority."

The regulator can clearly see the huge amount of support from the community and residents of both Oxfordshire and Thame for both radio.

The 107.5FM is the first and only station in the area to be awarded a full-time boost and will support our application and those who perhaps of an our application to the station.

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By Stephen Campbell

the year offering a more secure, sustainable future for the community.

It is a station that is not just a radio station, but a community hub, offering a place where people can meet, talk, and share their experiences.

The team of volunteers behind the radio station have professional backgrounds in radio and have been working for many years in the industry.

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Scouts celebrate St George with parade

Scouts in Oxfordshire celebrated St George's Day with a parade.

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News Bites

Skate park on hold

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Carnival volunteers needed for festival

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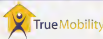
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21. Glossy (7)
22. From (7)

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3. Lining (7)
4. Selling (7)
6. Lay of author (5)
7. Lack of law (7)
8. Sinner (9)
10. M end (7)
13. Easy underfoot (7)
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16. Reply (6)
18. Supply (5)

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1. (Tried) by the thought condition (7)
5. Established as a plot (8)
8. Crown of sound (5)
9. I have water and am like goldfish last (5)
10. The volume next to the atmosphere (10)
11. Appear from these under using moments (6)
14. Good back with you on the peak (6)
17. One who has been always giving thanks before (7)
19. From qualified at (8)
20. Carry the animal (6)
21. (Not) necessarily a lot that has global (6)
22. (The French) (7)

Cryptic Cross Down

2. Challenge the place for part of the golf course (7)
3. Delays the journey (7)
4. Take back the call of the beach near our departure (5)
5. With the second into, unless the capital (7)
6. Sound (6)
7. Play (6)
8. One who always hesitates to speak (7)
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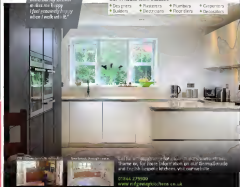
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2016-17 tax issues



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Pensions

An individual can now contribute any amount into a pension scheme, but tax relief will only be given on the lower of earnings and an annual allowance. The annual allowance from 2014-15 onwards is £40,000. Any pension savings made up to the £40,000 limit will qualify for tax relief at a person's marginal rate of tax, be it the basic rate of 20% (the higher rate of 40% or the additional rate of 45%). Contributions above the annual allowance will incur a tax charge and this can be up to 55% of excess contributions.

Unused annual allowance for any tax year can be carried forward for up to three years, but only if the individual was a member of a pension scheme for a particular tax year, even if a deferred member. This means that the annual allowance is lost

for any year in which a person was not a member of a pension scheme.

The current three-year allowance is utilised first followed by unused allowances from earlier years – with those from the earliest year used first.

There is a lifetime allowance, which is the total amount you can hold in pensions without incurring additional tax charges. From April 2016 this allowance will be £1 million.

Pension flexibility

From April 2015 there has been complete flexibility regarding savings in personal pensions and other defined contribution schemes and withdrawals can be made from age 55 in some circumstances. Withdrawals can be made earlier for example if in poor health or a professional

sportsperson. Workplace pensions often have specific rules as to when pensions can be taken and it is always worth checking with your financial adviser and/or pension administrator when you should start taking money from your pension.

There remains of course the traditional annuity which provides an annual income but there are now other ways of accessing a pension fund.

OPTION 1 – A tax-free amount of 25% of the fund can be drawn at the start (known as pension commencement lump sum) with the balance being available to draw as income (on which tax is payable). The fund will then be crystallised.

OPTION 2 – Withdrawals from the fund can be made as desired and instead of taking the whole 25% tax-free amount at the start, for each withdrawal 25% would be taken as income and taxed and 25% would be tax-free. The fund is left uncrystallised.

It is therefore possible for someone aged 55 to keep opening new pension schemes, benefit from tax relief, and then draw a pension with 25% being tax-free. In order to prevent this a money purchase annual allowance of £10,000 (or less if the usual £40,000) applies

once a pension fund has been accessed flexibly. This money purchase annual allowance does not apply if only a pension commencement lump sum is taken without any further income being drawn.

This article is only to highlight the general tax issues of pension withdrawals. As each case will be different it is important to take more specialist advice from a financial adviser when considering pension withdrawals.

Summary

Saving for a pension is a long term financial commitment and planning has often been undermined by frequent rule changes regarding tax relief. There may be even more changes to come as the Government is consulting on the possibility of completely reforming tax relief on pension contributions.

Buy to Let Property

The withdrawal of the new and tax allowance for furnished property will have an impact on the rental profits of many landlords. Although expense claims can be made in the usual way, expenses claims for replacing individual stand alone items is now only available on a "reasonable" basis, with the total purchase cost not being allowable, but the cost of any like for like replacement is deductible, but excluding the cost of any significant improvement.

element. For example if a washing machine were replaced with a more expensive model.

What will have a more significant impact is the change in the treatment of buy-to-let mortgage interest as capital used to purchase investment properties and this includes single buy to lets. The interest payments on these loans will be restricted and by 2020 they will no longer be an allowable expense.

The gradual reduction of allowable interest over the next 5 years will have a substantial impact on property owners where the annual interest is significant in relation to the total income they receive and may in some cases make it unprofitable to invest in property.

The interest deduction will gradually reduce by 25% each year. An important aspect to note is that the reduced allowable amount will not simply be an expense deduction but instead will be treated as a tax credit.

See Example (at bottom of page). Another important issue is that, as the deduction is applied after the calculation of taxable profit this could merely push a basic rate taxpayer into the higher rate band.

Whatwe have touched on these issues before, it is an area of very much worth keeping in mind.

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Unrelieved relief at 20% on £3,400		(1,080)
Rent less liability on rental income	1,600	2,900
Tax increase		1,000

The above points have been highlighted by Peter Smith a partner at The MGroup Partnership, an account and family firm of chartered certified accountants and taxation advisers with offices in Witney and Oxford. Peter can be contacted at p.smith@mgroup.co.uk if you would like to discuss your tax affairs or for more information please contact The MGroup on Oxford 01865 532625 or (Witney) 01993 778478.

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DON'T waste the no-American ideal that you may well waste when Green Day's biggest hit when their breakthrough musical comes to Oxford on the UK tour.

The show follows three boyhood friends recording their music in a post-9/11 world and features the music of US rock band Green Day with the lyrics of lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong and Michael Mayer.

It is running at the New Theatre from Tuesday May 6 until Saturday May 10, and starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 to £15. The lead role is played by Michael Mayer.

The 19-year-old said: "It's such a cool character. It's not a real one, but it's not a real one either. It's a real one. You make the happy the next day when you're at the point, so to get into the character every night and every day is a huge challenge. I love it."

The musical has won two Tony Awards and the 1999 Grammy Award when it was named Best Musical. It was also named Best Musical by the American Music Awards. It was also named Best Musical by the American Music Awards. It was also named Best Musical by the American Music Awards.

By James Richards

When, sitting over 10 million copies and winning a Grammy for Best Rock Album.

The album was a commercial smash, charting at 12 worldwide, topping 10 of them with hits such as "Boulevard of Broken Dreams", "Wake Me Up When September Ends", "Holiday", and of course "American Idiot".

The musical debuted in 2002 and has since toured Japan, Sweden, England, Ireland and will travel to Broadway next year.

"If you don't read your typical, everyday musical come and see us," Amelio said.

There's nothing like American Idiot, about the music, and the storyline. I've never seen a show like it."

"Before we opened, we thought it was either going to attract lots of Green Day fans or offend them. But we had a huge stage."

"Throughout the show we had in your old ideas in the audience, we were not absolutely hearing about the show. My team loved it."

Tickets for over 100 tickets cost from £10 to £15.

Exploring Antarctica

It's 1911 and Captain Scott and his team are attempting to be first to reach the South Pole.

But a series of misadventures means things do not just end the way they expect.

Find out how the explorers died with the surprise when "Great Scott" arrives in the harbour.

Performed by the Gypsy Theatre Theatre Company the show is at Oxford, Oxford and Reading over the next few weeks.

Artistic director Mark Derrin said: "It is exciting to make a new story and see that since 1911."

"We also will be featuring shadow puppetry and a puppet show, so it will be interesting to see how that will work in telling our alternative story of Captain Scott's final expedition."

The comedy production runs at the Old Play Theatre in Oxford on Friday May 9, the Cambridge Arts Centre on Saturday May 10, and the Mill Arts Centre on Sunday May 11.

Mark added: "Captain Scott is a fascinating character and he was seen as a hero then later seen as a hero whose mistakes caused the disastrous end of his ill-fated expedition. We wanted to create that hero again."

"Great Scott" comes to Oxfordshire on May 10th by Andy Parkinson.



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May Day revelry

MUSIC Oxford's GL Academy will be getting revellers into the spirit of May Day with an all night party. The night for over 17s will feature live music and costume contests to welcome May Day from 11pm on Saturday, April 30, until 1am on Sunday, May 1. Tickets cost £15.95.

Comedy night at the Cornerstone

COMEDY The comedy club at Oxford's Cornerstone Arts Centre will return on Thursday, May 5, featuring a line-up of five stellar comedians who will be due Topping and South. Adam Corbett and Simon Barker. It starts at 8pm. Tickets cost £15.50.

Space Oddity

TALK Astronomer John Thompson will visit the Oxford Planetarium on Friday, May 6, to discuss all things other worlds. The author and TV personality arrives at this planetarium to talk about what exists in outer space. Tickets cost £20 and will begin at 7pm.

Billy Ocean makes waves



Review: ★★★★★

REVIEW Ocean still knows how to get a crowd going. His appearance at Oxford's GL Academy proved.

And it was in a well-noticed stadium of all things but the year old performed last Friday April 22.

His backing musicians stepped on the stage in a loud chorus but Billy Ocean danced for the occasion in a grey suit and patterned shirt. He was not alone in a good two minutes before he could dance with the music and break into his signature 'I've Got a Feeling'.

With a backing music of an ever-green dance music, he made Ocean instantly brought back some hard hitting music of the 1980s.

It's about 15 minutes of music going to Billy Ocean's music. For someone who was here during his peak in the 1980s, it was a relief that I would have been here in the 1980s.

And strong backing music from the 1980s, he had a few decades of music to say the least.

After the music, he had a few decades of music to say the least. After the music, he had a few decades of music to say the least.

By James Watkins

A lot of hard work and overtime pay later and Ocean's set was over 20 minutes longer.

The Oxford gig was the first of his new UK tour being launched for his new album. He was the first of his new UK tour being launched for his new album.

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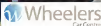


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Daddy season ends in 0-0 stalemate

DEBOST DUFFY ended a long hiatus by winning a 0-0 draw in a play-off between the two teams. The match was a stalemate as both sides failed to break down the opposition's defence. The match was a stalemate as both sides failed to break down the opposition's defence. The match was a stalemate as both sides failed to break down the opposition's defence.

By Stephen Campbell

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• Daniel's Adam Lunn (left) in a superb challenge on a Southampton player (right) by Roger West



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Women's American Football team launched by Abingdon's Ox Saints



ABINGDON BASED American Football team Ox Saints have announced a women's team. The newly formed club is launching a ladies' team and will be leading the very first training session on Tuesday. The match was a stalemate as both sides failed to break down the opposition's defence. The match was a stalemate as both sides failed to break down the opposition's defence. The match was a stalemate as both sides failed to break down the opposition's defence.

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Clubs take

FOOTBALL: Worcester United's Mattie is the Western Premier League's first to be dropped last season.

The football club dropped after the Worcester United manager was sacked on March 15, leaving the club in a state of limbo. The club is now in a state of limbo.

However, the club has no sign of a new manager and the club is now in a state of limbo. The club is now in a state of limbo.

Star departures

FOOTBALL: Oxford City's star players, including David Hunt, have left the club.

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Fans' vote

FOOTBALL: United fans are expected to vote for their favorite players in the club's annual fan poll.

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and just an Oxford United fan taking the time to post a comment on the club's website.

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Chris McIlwain in action for City against Oxford United in the City of Oxford match.



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Wantage end season with Thiverton defeat

WANTAGE: Town were defeated 1-0 by Thiverton Town in the final game of the season on Saturday.

Alexis Green, David Duggan and David Duggan were the scorers for Thiverton.

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Wantage had their chance in the second half, but were unable to score.

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Blues battle over the line

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Wentney RFC in action during the match (photo by Mark Fisher)

Smith runs out of luck in Jerez test

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U'S HOLD ON TO SHOT AT PROMOTION AFTER WIN

Oxford United's 2-0 Hartlepool success keeps fans' hopes alive

OXFORD United secured another step towards promotion with a deserved 2-0 win over Hartlepool United in the club's penultimate league game of the season on Saturday.

Kearns made another Oxford's opening early in the first half before Leon Sorensen provided the crucial second in injury time of a halcyon home second half.

The win keeps the U's in third place, just a point above fourth placed Bristol Rovers ahead of Saturday's potential promotion clash at Carlisle United.

After a nervous start, Oxford led the league when Chris Mumaev played the ball in to Sorensen who struck the crossbar with an effort and the U's top scorer, Sorensen, followed the rebound.

The goalkeeper then made it up the U's counter-attack during the

By **Loughlan Campbell**

he was the ball for the forward down the right and Sorensen clipped above cross in for Alex MacGowan to square wide with a volley from 20 yards.

Peter Luke-Jones was headed a great chance in the start of the second half after a cross which played into him on 40 minutes but his header was misdirected and Oxford's James Foran cleared.

Eighteen minutes remained in the game when the U's after they countered with four on one but the forward shot was blocked and a subsequent corner before a second in the box, which Hartlepool managed to clear.

The Hartlepool goal should have taken an 15 minutes after MacGowan's brilliant delivery cross which seemed right across

the away side's area but no last could direct it goalwards.

Leon Hawkins then tested Sorensen with a shot from range that, again, out of the keeper's grasp but a few seconds before he recovered.

Hartlepool's Peter-Luke-Jones was in the area, receiving an exquisite short pass from Sorensen, but his cross was headed out wide by the defender who was unmarked in the box. Hawkins then cut in to cross, but it was blocked by Sorensen.

The decisive goal came in the third minute of added time after Sorensen's headed shot was blocked and a subsequent corner before a second in the box, which Hartlepool managed to clear.

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Leon Sorensen celebrates his goal (action by Steve Donohue)

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